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DISINVESTMENT, REFLECTIONDOMINATE COUNCIL MEETING

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SAN ANTONIO (DPS, Feb. 13) — The first Executive Council meeting chaired by Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning, held Feb. 4-6 in the native Texan's home diocese, here, debated and unanimously approved a resolution instructing the Episcopal Church's Committee on Trust Funds to divest all holdings in companies doing business with South Africa and Namibia, but, with a light legislative agenda, also spent time in reflection on its own function as Board of Directors.

The divestment resolution, which came through the Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments and in response to General Convention Resolution D-073A, received strong support from Browning in his first message from the chair. Citing the Church's past history of multiple approaches to the work to end apartheid, he said the purpose of

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the present resolution "is at least two-fold: first, to place ourselves in solidarity with the black people of South Africa who seek to throw off the bonds of oppression; secondly, to be absolutely clear that this Church's investments will not be supported by the sufferings of others."

Browning took the text for his message from the chair from Philippians: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus," stressing the qualities of humility — dependence upon God as the root of all spirituality — and obedience to the imperatives of the Gospel. He also reiterated that his first year in office will be one of listening. The structure of this meeting was set up to give Council "more time to discern the style of operation" it will use in the future, Browning said, adding on behalf of himself and agenda committee members Betty Connelly, the Rev. Sandra Wilson, Vincent Currie and George McGonigle, "Our concern for all meetings will be to have enough time to do the business at hand, to do theological reflection, as well as community building among ourselves, and to share in the mission and ministry of the place in which we are meeting. This meeting will be a combined process of our focus as to who we are and our responsibilities as members of the Executive Council."

To help the Council in its self-evaluation, they invited Dr. John Carver, a management trainer/consultant who specializes in counseling boards of directors on what their role should be.

During his two-and-a-half hour presentation, Carver outlined his concept of how a board of directors should use its time, consider priorities and relate to staff. He stressed the need for boards to state values and to work consistently within them, suggesting that most boards spend too much time on insignificant matters while neglecting more important concerns. He said they give too much consideration to the immediate future, neglecting long range planning. Boards have a difficult time being in control, according to Carver, without meddling in staff operation, and at the same time, they have a hard time not merely being led by staff.

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Following plenary discussion and continued small group conversation, the Rev. Frederick Borsch reported out on notes taken during the committee discussions. While Council members generally agreed on the content of Carver's presentation, he said their views on what it meant to Council differed. Some felt that Council differs from the average independent board of directors, as the Presiding Bishop does from the average chief executive officer, and that Council's role should be that of interpreter. Others desired a broad response, and suggested revamping committee structure, an evaluation of present policies and the possible employment of a consultant "for a radical look at our processes." But all seemed to agree with the Rev. Barnum McCarty of Jacksonville, Fla., who said to Browning, "We wanted to join you in your listening process; we felt that's important."

Browning expressed gratitude for the discussion. "It has been very helpful for me," he said. "I feel there is a lot of expectation out there in the Church about the coming twelve years." To the Executive Council, he said, "I feel comfortable with this group prodding me. And I think we are going to prod one another."

The Council's February meeting is also the time when it holds its Annual Meeting and Treasurer Matthew Costigan reported that the estimated actual income for the year 1985 exceeded budgeted income for that year by \$337,500. The 1985 budget was based on income of \$25,834,548, while the estimated actual income for the year was reported to Council as \$26,172,048. This includes income from U.S. and overseas dioceses, trust fund income, short term investment income and lapsed balances from prior years' budget. The 1986 General Church Budget is based on a total income figure of \$27,605,000. The treasurer commented on "an excellent response from dioceses throughout the United States in supporting the General Convention Budget for the year 1986." Only seven dioceses have indicated that they will not be able to meet their assigned budget apportionment figure in 1986. According to Costigan, many of the dioceses not able to meet their assigned apportionment are "sharing their resources at a sacrifice to their own needs."

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A number of stockholder resolutions from the Social Responsibility in Investments Committee were considered at the meeting, in preparation for the spring annual corporate meetings. The Council also approved a resolution affirming the Harare Declaration, which came out of the December World Council of Churches-sponsored meeting of international church leaders on the situation in South Africa (Eds.: see DPS 85256 & DPS 86008).

In other action, the Council passed a resolution recognizing "that Haitian peoples in the United States are experiencing major restrictions in the guarantee of basic human rights" and calling the Church at all levels "to become more informed about and involved in supporting Church and ecumenical organizations working to secure humanitarian treatment and basic human rights for these people within the United States."

The Council also heard a report from the Standing Liturgical Commission, via its chairman, Council member the Rt. Rev. Vincent Pettit, suffragan bishop of New Jersey, on the ongoing development and testing of inclusive language liturgies; a form for distribution of Communion by lay eucharistic ministers, as approved by the last General Convention; and a recently released letter from the Commission on AIDS and the Common Cup (Eds.: see DPS 86016).

The evening before the formal start of Council's meeting, the Rt. Rev. Scott Field Bailey, bishop of the Diocese of West Texas, the Rev. John MacNaughton, then coadjutor-elect of West Texas (he was consecrated in nearby Corpus Christi shortly after the meeting ended), and a number of clergy and laity from the diocese met with Council members to welcome them and to tell about their Hispanic ministry program. The following afternoon, Council members interrupted their deliberations to spend a few hours at one of the programs they'd heard about, the Good Samaritan Center, which will be featured on a forthcoming NBC documentary (Eds.: see DPS 86019).


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PICTURE CAPTIONS

(86021) — Gloria Kehl (l.), director of the Good Samaritan Center of the Diocese of West Texas, looks on as Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning and his wife, Patti, talk with one of the children at the Center. The Brownings and Executive Council members visited the Center as part of their introduction to the Hispanic ministry of the diocese when Council met in San Antonio.

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COUNCIL UNANIMOUS

ON DIVESTMENT

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SAN ANTONIO (DPS, Feb. 13) -- Acting on a mandate from the 68th General Convention, the Episcopal Church's Executive Council voted unanimously on February 5 to instruct the Church's Committee on Trust Funds to divest all holdings in companies doing business in South Africa and Namibia. The action was the most controversial item of business during the February 4-6 meeting here, the first Executive Council meeting chaired by Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning.

The resolution was presented by the Rev. Donald Nickerson of Brunswick, Me. for the Council's Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments. It states that companies which are to be considered as doing business in South Africa and Namibia are those listed in the Investor Responsibility Research Center, Inc., South Africa Review Service publication dated January 1985. The resolution calls for the divesting of the funds before June 30, 1986.

According to the resolution, the same instructions are to apply to the reinvestment of trust or other funds under the jurisdiction of the Trust Fund Committee. It also indicates that in the event a company should disinvest its business in South Africa and Namibia, the Committee on Trust Funds may once again invest in it.

Treasurer Matthew Costigan reported on a letter from Church legal counsel related to the legality of General Convention's mandate to divest and the right of the Executive Council to instruct the Committee on Trust Funds to implement the mandate. Costigan said that Council could legally follow the Convention mandate and instruct the Trust Fund Committee to divest.

The Hon. Hugh R. Jones of New Hartford, N.Y., questioned the legality of the action. He said he was not certain that the General Convention and Executive Council could take such action and also be in accordance with New York State law.

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Jones, who is a retired Associate Judge of New York State Court of Appeals cited the "prudent man rule of investment of fiduciary funds," saying that this rule does not take into consideration moral or ethical concerns. Fiduciary funds are those held in trust by one party for another.

"I have no difficulty with asking all Episcopalians to divest their own portfolios," said Jones. "We are confronted here with a real conflict -- the mandate of Convention and against the common law of the State of New York. Does the merit of divestment permit us to ignore civil law?" The judge suggested alternate ways of objecting to apartheid, such as individual divestment and urging Congress to impose economic sanctions.

"I am not urging that others rally to this position," said Jones, "nor am I urging delay. But it seems to me that the ultimate issue is not whether the Executive Council should obey the mandate of General Convention or follow the prudent man rule on investing fiduciaries, but the issue is by what criteria do we engage in civil disobedience."

"I think divestment will be an enormously effective statement," commented the judge, "but I wonder if it will have any effect on the government in South Africa. Hence I have discomfort as to whether there is sufficient warrant for disobeying civil law."

Several Council members spoke against the concern raised by Jones. Nell Gibson of New York said the Council was in a situation of "putting human lives against prudent investment policy."

"We might act differently if it were our children, our grandchildren, our spouses," she said. "Here we are talking about prudent investment while people are dying in the streets of South Africa."

The Council adopted the resolution unanimously after failing to accept a minor change of wording suggested by Jones. Following the vote, the Rev. Frederick Borsch of Princeton, N.J., noted that the divestment would probably not cost the Episcopal Church much in investment income.

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"I think what we've done is not going to cost us very much," said Borsch. "It is not going to cost these companies anything much either. I think we ought to look into something which would cost us more of a sacrifice -- perhaps a boycott." Nickerson replied that a committee of churches is considering such a possibility. (Eds: See DPS 86008)

"You will be hearing more about this," he said.

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Closing Prayer

O gracious God, whose Christ stretched our arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding N our sister with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, and also for enriching our parish family by her sharing with us the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Concerning the Rite

The Book of Common Prayer affirms the place of the Holy Eucharist as "the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts," and thus the foundation of the corporate prayer of the Church. As an act of the whole community of faith, the Eucharist is a

summons to all the baptized to share in the table of the Lord. This form for the distribution of Holy Communion by licensed lay persons is intended to foster a corporate sense of the Eucharist among those who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to be present in their church's assembly on Sunday or some other principal feast.

This service is to be conducted by a duly licensed person immediately following such parish celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. The General Convention (1985) has specified that "The functions of the Lay Eucharistic Minister shall be limited to the following:

a) Administering the Cup at any Celebration of Holy Eucharist if there is an insufficient number of Priests or Deacons present;

b) Directly following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist on Sunday or other Principal Celebrations, if so authorized by the Member of the Clergy in charge of the Congregation and especially licensed thereto by the Bishop, taking the Sacrament consecrated at the Celebration to those members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration."

It is desirable that other parishioners, relatives and friends also be present to communicate with the person visited. Those so ministered to should also be visited regularly by the clergy of the congregation. In this way, those who are unable to participate regularly in the worship of the eucharistic assembly may nevertheless experience their relation to the community and also join their personal faith and witness to that of their community. It is appropriate that the person be invited to join in commenting on the Scripture and in offering suitable prayers during the rite.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SPECIALLY LICENSED TO TAKE THE SACRAMENT TO
THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRM

Suggested Guidelines

- 1). Lay Eucharistic Ministers must be adult confirmed communicants in good standing, be carefully chosen and trained and be specially licensed. A candidate is to be recommended by the cleric in charge of the congregation to the Bishop of the diocese to be licensed. "Such special license shall be given only at the request, and upon the recommendation of, the Member of the Clergy in charge of the Congregation in which the Lay Eucharistic Minister will be serving. The license shall be issued for a period of time not to exceed three years and shall be revocable at any time by the Bishop, or by the Member of the clergy at whose request it was granted." (Title III, Canon 3, Sec. 2)
- 2). Where a Deacon serves in a congregation, that minister should supervise the work of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers.
- 3). It is recommended that the person to be ministered to be prayed for specifically in the Prayers of the People by the congregation on that day.
- 4). The administration of the Sacrament to the persons visited should take place immediately after the service in the church. Following the Communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following or similar words:

In the name of this congregation, I
send you forth bearing these holy
gifts, that those to whom you go
may share with us in the Communion
of Christ's body and blood. We who
are many are one body, because we
all share one bread, one cup.
- 5). A suitable container in which to carry the two vessels for the bread and wine, corporals, and purificators is to be supplied. The container is to be returned immediately to the parish along with any unconsumed elements.
- 6). The people to whom Holy Communion is to be administered are to be notified in advance and the time of the appointment clearly set.
- 7). Only the order of the rite entitled "Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers" is to be used.

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BROWNING HOSTS

PRESS BREAKFAST

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SAN ANTONIO (DPS, Feb. 13) -- Mid-way through the Executive Council meeting, held here Feb. 4-6, Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning hosted an informal breakfast for press, both secular and religious.

Chatting with reporters over plates of eggs, bacon and grits, Browning fielded questions on a variety of issues, both general and relating to the Council's meeting. On the latter, he declared the divestment issue probably the biggest facing Council at this meeting, and reiterated the statement made in his address from the chair, that the Church is not going to allow its investments to profit on the sufferings of other people.

In response to a question on the ecumenical movement, Browning answered that there is a lot of movement at the moment at many different levels, and that work going on at community levels is encouraging for the national picture. Stressing the importance of interchurch dialogues, he added, "The climate is as good as I've ever seen it. I want to support that in any way I possibly can. I'm excited about it."

Asked about his leadership style, Browning said, "I've moved around a lot, so my style is not to come in thinking I've got all the answers...I've seen my ministry as one of enablement. I don't necessarily have any great ideas of my own, but I hope to hold up the brilliant ideas of others." As often in the past, he stressed his desire to listen.

Another area important to Browning is the Episcopal Church's membership in the Anglican Communion. He spoke of his appointment of the Rev. Charles A. Cesaretti as Deputy for Anglican Relations, a position which Browning created in the hope that having someone on his personal staff working as contact with the wider Anglican Communion would aid in strengthening those links. He said, "We, in the U.S. church, have lots to learn from other areas of the world. We still tend to have the attitude that we are the giver and everybody else is the receiver. We have to work on changing that and be intentional about it." In that context, he mentioned his attendance at the Anglican Primates meeting in Toronto

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in March, and added that other attendees, especially those from third world countries, have been invited to stop in New York for further conversations with him on "how we might really interface, so that we might experience what real partnership might be like."

Having noted the rapid growth of the Church in Africa, he said we need to listen to what the African church has to say: "We can't translate everything, but we can translate the spirit," and spoke of a trip he had made to Namibia as part of a group brought together by the Archbishop of Canterbury, during which, he said, "I had a conversion experience...People living under the worst conditions had the greatest sense of faith, and the faith was relevant to those conditions."

When questioned about being labeled a "liberal," Browning said he's not comfortable with tags. His stated views on such issues as the arms race and the situation in Central America, he noted, are in line with what the Church has been saying for a long time. Pointing to the sermon he gave at his installation in January in Washington, D.C., he said that these concerns arise out of a deeper theological basis, and "the Gospel calls us to be concerned about these issues."

He added that he is less concerned about what he's called than about "maintaining my own sense of integrity, which lies somewhere between being both a pastor and a prophet to this Church," and that his chief worry in being labelled is that it might turn some people off to his leadership, thereby cutting off dialogue. One way he hopes to combat that is by going out and meeting people to "build a sense of trust, so some of the prophetic things can be listened to."

Another continuing concern of Browning's is the changing nature of the Church. Citing growth in Episcopal Church membership among Asian and Hispanic populations, he said "We are becoming more and more a multi-cultural church...The key for me is how you take what is happening and enable people in these parishes to see leadership. Leadership training is important. We are predominantly white in leadership, and we've got to find ways to change that."

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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SAN ANTONIO (DPS, Feb. 13) -- The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church met here Feb. 4-6.

The Council -- which sets policy and develops programs for the Church between the triennial meetings of the General Convention -- consists of 40 members: 20 elected by the Convention; 18 elected by the Church's nine internal provinces, the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, and the President of the House of Deputies, the Very Rev. David B. Collins. The Rev. Canon James B. Gundrum is secretary.

Most resolutions for Council action came through four interim standing committees. Resolutions also occasionally come through a special committee or sub-committee.

The Council took the following actions:

National Mission in Church and Society -- Thomas Tisdale, Jr.

- Affirmed St. Michael's Mission, Ethete, Wyo.; Bethanie, Port-Au-Prince, Haiti; the Manhattan North Interparish Council of the Episcopal Diocese of New York; and Episcopal Community Services, Erie, Pa. as Jubilee Centers.
- Appropriated \$10,000 from the income of the Roanridge Trust Fund to provide for a portion of the funding needed for the Northeastern Land (Leadership Academy for New Directions) to be held in 1986/7 for the purpose of training clergy and lay persons in rural and small town ministry.
- Approved a resolution directing the secretary of the Executive Council to write the President of the United States urging him not to recommend inequitable cuts to Indian Health Service and to all members of Congress requesting them to oppose any reductions beyond the one percent agreed upon for fiscal year 1987 in Indian Health Service.
- Commended the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging on the occasion of its being certified as a Non-Government Organization of the World Health Organization, International Programme on Aging.

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● Unanimously approved, after extended debate, a resolution instructing the Committee on Trust Funds to divest by June 30, 1986 all its holdings in companies listed in the Investor Responsibility Research Center, Inc. -- South Africa Review Service publication of January 1985 as doing business in South Africa and Namibia, with re-investment possible in any such company which can document that it has disinvested its business from those countries. The same instructions are to apply to the reinvestment of all funds, or other funds under the jurisdiction of the Trust Fund Committee. This is in response to General Convention Resolution D-073A.

● Heard from the Rev. Charles A. Cesaretti, now deputy for Anglican relations but for six years public issues officer and liaison with the Committee on Social Responsibility in Investments, on the history of that Committee and its workings.

● Passed, with some opposition, a shareholder resolution requesting the Board of Directors of Santa Fe/Southern Pacific Corporation to make available to shareholders a description of current obligations to transport nuclear materials, safety measures, provision in the event of an accident, financial arrangements between the company and the Department of Energy, explanation of any company efforts to limit transportation of nuclear materials, and an assessment of whether such efforts should be continued, and if so, how.

● Passed, with some opposition, a shareholder resolution requesting the Board of Directors of General Electric to commission its Public Responsibility Committee to study and develop criteria for the acceptance of military contracts, with a report to the shareholders at the next annual meeting.

● Passed, with some opposition, a shareholder resolution requesting the Board of Directors of Eastman Kodak to create a committee to review the ethical appropriateness and the rationales for Kodak's work in the space weapons program, issue a report to shareholders on this and provide a forum for their response.

● Approved, after some discussion, shareholder resolutions to J. P. Morgan and Company, Inc., and Johnson and Johnson Company requesting their Boards of Directors to issue public statements committing the

companies to a wage policy free of sex discrimination and report to shareholders on how this policy is being implemented.

- Approved a shareholder resolution requesting the Board of Directors of J. P. Morgan and Company, Inc., to establish a policy, to apply until the apartheid system has been dismantled, of making no new loans and not renewing outstanding loans to any sector of the South African economy and, if faced with involuntary renegotiation of debt, to suport only rescheduling for a term of one year or less at any one time.

- Failed, by one vote, to pass a resolution requesting the Board of Directors of American Telephone and Telegraph to take steps to terminate their contract to manage the nuclear weapons related divisions of the Sandia National Laboratories.

- Passed a shareholder resolution requesting the Board of Raytheon to establish a corporate policy that neither Raytheon nor any of its affiliates shall enter into or renew any contracts with the government of South Africa of any of its agencies until that government has committed itself to the ending of apartheid and taken meaningful steps toward achieving full political and legal rights for the black majority population.

- Approved shareholder resolutions to the Board of Directors and management of Baxter Travenol, Bristol Myers Company and Eastman Kodak Company calling on them to take immediate steps to terminate operations in South Africa and to avoid doing business with that nation as long as apartheid is in effect and to arrange to compensate fairly all employees who may be adversely affected by this action.

- Approved a resolution to abstain, due to insufficient time to consult with the Church of Ireland, on a shareholder resolution requesting the Board of Directors of General Motors to implement and/or increase activity on the nine MacBride Principles and report progress on their implementation to shareholders.

- Passed, with some opposition, a shareholder resolution requesting the Board of Directors of Raytheon to make available to shareholders a report answering questions on the value of outstanding contracts to develop space weapons, the amount of in-house money being spent on research and development of these, whether Raytheon is planning to

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conduct or participate in materials-processing in space experiments, and whether the company has an internal policy or direction for the commercial development of space and/or development of space as a potential battlefield.

- Heard Social Responsibility in Investments chairman the Rev. Donald Nickerson of Brunswick, Maine, thank and wish Godspeed to outgoing Treasurer Matthew Costigan, saying they have been blessed with his genius and Christian commitment.

- With a question from Council member the Rev. Barnum McCarty of Jacksonville, Fla., opened a discussion, to be continued in the future, on whether members should vote their consciences or the expressed opinion of General Convention, when these differ.

Finance/Administration/Communication/Stewardship & Development -- The Ven. Arthur Williams

- Learned from Treasurer Matthew Costigan that due to the early February date of the Council meeting, "it is impossible for the Finance Department to present to this Council meeting statements that would be meaningful, inasmuch as the figures and information would be so preliminary" as to be more confusing than informative and received his "reasonably correct" figures which estimated actual income for the year 1985 to be \$26,172,048, exceeding the budgeted income of \$25,834,548 for that year by \$337,500.

- Learned that the 1986 General Church Budget is based on a total income figure of \$27,605,000 and that response from dioceses in support of that is excellent, with only seven indicating inability to meet their assigned apportionment.

- Learned that the Trust Fund was evaluated independently as being in the 21st percentile — very good performance for the portfolio.

- Elected the Rt. Rev. Donald J. Davis as the Council representative to the Trust Fund Committee; elected William C. Breed, III, John S. Buckley, and Douglas T. Yates to the panel for three years; and elected Harry W. Havemeyer to serve out the unexpired term of Karen Goukassow Loud until the 1987 Executive Council Annual Meeting.

- Established the Josephine McKenty Stichter Memorial Fund, approximately \$13,000, for children's hospitals and Sunday Schools in Alaska.
- Established the Virginia B. Privat Charitable Remainder Unitrust, approximately \$50,000, to her for her life, for a period of ten years after her death to beneficiaries, and, at the termination of the unitrust, the principal to be distributed as follows: 65 percent to St. Mary's in the Valley, Ramona, Calif., for outreach programs; 30 percent to the Diocese of San Diego for general purposes; and 5 percent to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief for general purposes.
- Established the Alvah L. Terry Consolidated Trust Fund, approximately \$30,000, for use in the overseas field.
- Designated that the income from the Helen M. Ballard Trust Fund go to the Diocese of Western North Carolina to be used for continuing education for clergy.
- Authorized the Treasurer to negotiate, with the proper authority in the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Agency of the U.S. government, a \$4,500,000 contract for St. Luke's Hospital, Quezon City, Philippines, provided that matching grant requirements can be guaranteed.
- Appropriated up to \$18,000 from the income of the Constable Fund for the printing and distribution of revised inserts for "A Manual of Accounting Principles and Reporting Practices for Episcopal Dioceses, Parishes and Missions."
- Set aside the lapsed balance from the year 1985 as a reserve for the 1987 budget in an amount not less than \$700,000, with any amount in excess of that figure to be used to provide for four new billets in the year 1986 and to meet any short-fall anticipated in estimated trust fund income budgeted for 1986.
- Appropriated up to \$12,000 from the income of the Constable Fund to the Communication Office for the production of video tapes and other material for congregations and dioceses preparing for the use of the Hymnal 1982.
- Heard that the committee found that the combination of Finance/Administration, Communication and Stewardship and Development worked well.

World Mission in Church and Society -- The Rt. Rev. Furman C. Stough

- Scott Evans spoke for Stough, the chairman, who had had to leave early for his diocesan convention, reporting that the committee had heard a report on the recent Pre-Lambeth meeting in Lima and also a report from the Presiding Bishop's Fund on planning process, for which it commended them.
- Accepted the reports of the Partners in Mission Consultations of the Episcopal Church in Cuba and the Church in Uganda as the basis for policy of future partner relationships between the Episcopal Church and those two churches, respectively.
- Unanimously affirmed the Harare Declaration on South Africa and pledged to work for its implementation.
- Recognized that Haitian peoples in the United States are experiencing major restrictions in the guarantee of basic human rights and called upon the Episcopal Church in parishes, dioceses and nationally to become more informed about and involved in supporting Church and ecumenical organizations working to secure humanitarian treatment and basic human rights for them in this country.

Education for Mission and Ministry -- The Rev. Wallace Frey

- Appropriated \$48,360 from the income of the Constable Fund to cover the costs of the Joint Christian Education Task Force over the next two years to study the history and present strength of Christian Education and recommend actions to strengthen the Church educational ministry, as mandated by General Convention.

Presiding Bishop -- The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning

- Heard Browning express elation at meeting in his home diocese and gratitude to its current bishop Scott Field Bailey and past bishop Everett Jones and to the diocese for all that it contributed to his life and ministry.

- Learned that the location committee for the Episcopal Church Center will be named after Browning's "year of listening" (to end June 1987), for a report to the 1988 General Convention.
- Heard a report on the December World Council of Churches' Harare meeting on the situation in South Africa, attended by then Presiding Bishop John M. Allin and subsequent follow-up meetings.
- Learned of the appointment of an Advisory Committee for the Washington Office to survey and evaluate its present ministry and explore ways in which its witness can be strengthened. The chairman will be the Rt. Rev. John T. Walker, and members Patricia Scharf, Congressman William Alexander and Dr. Alan Parrent.
- Learned that in response to General Convention Resolution D-087, the Presiding Bishop is prepared to name members of a task force to study the history and present strength of Christian Education.
- Learned that a Blue Ribbon Committee on Indian Advocacy will report to the fall meeting of Council.
- Learned of the following appointments: Administrative Assistant to the Presiding Bishop's Office, the Rev. Richard Chang; Deputy for Anglican Relations, the Rev. Charles A. Cesaretti; Coordinator for Ministries with Children, Dr. Barbara Taylor; Field Officer for Indian Ministries, Sherman Wright; Assistant for Interpretation and Network Development, Dr. David Crean; Assistant Personnel Officer, James Lewis; and Systems Analyst, Barbara Kelleher-Buntin.
- Learned that within the next 30 days, Browning will meet with the Bishops of the IX Province and their Provincial Council and will attend the meeting of the Primates of the Anglican Communion in Toronto.
- Gave tribute to retiring Treasurer Matthew Costigan, who is invited to an evening in his honor at the June Council meeting, with a standing ovation.
- Welcomed new members the Ven. Lincoln Eng and the Rev. Ruth Potter.
- Were introduced to visiting members of the press: Jannette Pierce, the Rev. Steve Weston and the Rev. Charles Sumner.
- Were introduced to the Presiding Bishop's "best friend in the whole world," his wife, Patti.
- Heard a report from Browning on his conversation with the Rt. Rev. Luc Garnier of Haiti and wishes and prayers for them.

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Secretary of Executive Council/Executive Officer of General Convention
-- the Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum

- Learned that the dates of the other 1986 meetings are June 17-20 in Atlanta and Nov. 12-14 in New York.
- Were asked to save the following weeks for meetings in 1987 and 1988: March 9-13, June 15-19, and Nov. 16-20, 1987; Feb. 22-26, May 16-20, and Nov. 14-18, 1988.
- Welcomed Lori Arnold and her new assistant in the General Convention Office, Caroline Shortino.
- Approved minutes of previous meeting, with change on p.43 from "United Airlines" to "UAL, Inc."
- Heard a report from the Standing Liturgical Commission.
- Passed courtesy resolutions thanking the staff of the Inn at Oak Hills, the Diocese of West Texas and its bishop, the Good Samaritan Center, Dr. John Carver.
- Sent greetings and good wishes to former President of the House of Deputies Dr. Charles Lawrence and to former Presiding Bishop John M. Allin.
- Passed a resolution to Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning on his first Executive Council meeting in that role, with thanks for his leadership.

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P.B. FUND BOARD

MEETS, MAKES GRANTS

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SAN ANTONIO (DPS, Feb. 13) — The Board of Directors of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief met prior to the Executive Council Meeting here on February 2-4. The Board's Chairman, Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning, attending his first Board meeting, heard from the Executive Director, the Rev. Canon Samir J. Habiby, that the Fund had received a record sum of just under \$10 million in 1985.

Habiby gave thanks for "the witness of thousands of Episcopalians and their friends, who responded compassionately to the needs of millions around the world." He went on to observe that, "If the growth was unprecedented, so was the demand," commenting on the "terrible disasters" which characterized the year 1985.

Church contributions totalled \$6,271,749 in 1985, compared to \$4,073,451 in 1984. U.S. Government funds for domestic refugee resettlement and for the Southern Sudan Refugee Assistance Project totalled some \$2.1 million. The balance came from a carryover from the previous year and from Venture in Mission monies specifically designated for the use of the Fund.

While about fifty percent of these contributions came in response to the Fund's Special Appeals — over \$2.4 million for African appeals; over \$500,000 for the Mexican earthquake; and over \$150,000 for the volcanic disaster in Colombia; — there was also growth in undesignated contributions to the Fund. This was attributed to efforts by the Board, the staff, and the network volunteers of the Fund.

Four dioceses — Connecticut, Los Angeles, New York and Virginia -- exceeded \$200,000 in contributions for the first time in the Fund's history, with Los Angeles leading with total contributions of \$276,399. Twenty-three dioceses more than doubled their 1984 contributions. In commenting on this, Habiby said that it represented "a record of commitment and compassion for which the Board and staff can give thanks and praise to God."

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After reviewing the program areas of the Fund, Habiby expressed the hope that a goal of total contributions of ten million dollars from the Episcopal Church was attainable by 1988.

The Board later heard from the Rev. Charles Sherlock, director for the Fund-supported Child Care Centers in Ethiopia, which serve children orphaned in the famine. Sherlock described the rehabilitation efforts and needs in Ethiopia. He also discussed the Anglican Child Care program, which will be part of a major fund-raising drive. The Board also heard from the Rt. Rev. Clovis Rodrigues, Anglican Bishop of Recife, Brazil, concerning the poverty in his diocese.

The Board approved grants of over \$800,000, in addition to endorsing emergency and Special Appeal grants totalling \$289,000 which had been by passed by the Executive Committee, chaired by the Hon. Leonard S. Coleman, Jr., Diocese of New Jersey.

The chairmen of the Administration and Finance Committee, the Very Rev. G. Cecil Woods, former dean of Virginia Theological Seminary, reported on the Special Appeals grants. Those for East Africa included two grants totalling \$125,000 to the Church of Uganda. The first of these was in response to Archbishop Yona Okoth's appeal for relief assistance to civil war victims. It would provide shelter, clothing and medicines as well as seeds and farming implements. The second was to provide core support for the Church of Uganda in its planning, development and rehabilitation program. These grants served to supplement an earlier one of \$150,000.

In Southern Africa, the Diocese of Namibia received \$49,000 for the Onekwaya school cafeteria and youth farm, which had been set up for children forcibly removed from the war zone. This completed the Fund's commitment to match, dollar for dollar, a \$79,000 gift from the Diocese of Hawaii. The close relationship between these dioceses was exemplified by the presence for the Bishop of Namibia, the Rt. Rev. James Kauluma, at Browning's installation as Presiding Bishop.

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Other Special Appeal grants went to Ethiopia, the Province of the Sudan and Beirut University College. The Diocese of Jerusalem received two grants. The first was for an Anglican housing project in Nazareth. The second for a multi-purpose vehicle for the transportation of thirty refugee children attending St. George's Anglican School in the city of Jerusalem. This school is the only institution in the area that provides a certificate of matriculation accepted by both the Jordanian and the Israeli systems.

The refugee grants were reported out by the chair of the Refugee/Migration Committee, Beverly P. Eggleston, III, of the Diocese of Virginia. Domestic refugee grants went to:

- The Diocese of Long Island for its refugee resettlement program;
- The Diocese of Chicago for its migration ministries, through its affiliated social service agency, Cathedral Shelter of Chicago;
- The Diocese of Utah for Guadeloupe Educational Programs, Inc., a program of individual instruction in survival English to non-English speaking adults;
- The Dioceses of Texas and West Texas for a three-year development education program, Heart of the Matter, to deal with the tensions and problems arising from immigration;
- The Diocese of Ohio for the Southeast Asian population in Toledo metropolitan area;
- The Diocese of Los Angeles for El Rescate, a project of the Southern California Ecumenical Council to meet the social and legal emergencies of the Central American refugee community.

Several grants for overseas refugee projects were also approved. The Lebanon Archdeaconry of the Diocese of Jerusalem received \$50,000 for the St. Luke's Center for the Mentally Retarded, serving severely retarded children. This is one of two such institutions and is unique in an area undergoing sectarian strife in being multi-religious

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in both students and staff. A project serving refugees from the Tigray region in Ethiopia who have settled in the cities of the Sudan was funded through Grassroots International, an organization in the Diocese of Massachusetts. This project was also approved by the Episcopal Church of the Sudan.

A nonpolitical and humanitarian organization, Aesculapius International Medicine, located in the Diocese of New York, received \$20,000 for its health care teams serving the thousands of displaced persons in El Salvador. The Diocese of Faisalabad in Pakistan received \$50,000 for the Ansari Hospital in Quetta to provide medical aid, food, shelter and refuge for the victims of the war in Afghanistan.

A total of 23 development and education grants were reported by the chair of the Grants Committee, the Rev. Dr. John C. Harper, rector of St. John's, Washington, D.C. The Diocese of Natal in South Africa received \$3,000, as part of a multi-agency funding package, for the Philisiwe Clinic. A training grant for \$15,000 went to the St. Columba's Development Project in the Diocese of Matabeleland, Zimbabwe.

World Neighbors received \$30,000 for its Ayacucho Development Program in Peru to train Quechua-speaking extension agents. Another training grant for \$20,000 went to the Foundation of the South Pacific for the Hanuatek Small Business Center in Papua/New Guinea. This seeks to develop entrepreneurial skills among poor people in order to create employment. This organization also received a \$10,000 grant for its work in Aguan in Papua/New Guinea to discourage rural youth from leaving school and migrating to the cities.

The Diocese of South Central Brazil's Terrae Solidariedade project to resettle ten landless families and provide training for rural youth was granted \$12,500. The Diocese of Jamaica pastoral care program received \$10,000. Another training grant went to the Capacacion Tecnica Para Familias Marginadas (\$30,000) in the Dioces of El Salvador.

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Domestic hunger received attention: Food banks in San Antonio and Corpus Christi in the Diocese of West Texas and the Eastern Illinois Foodbank in The Diocese of Springfield received grant support. Requests from the St. Louis Food Crisis Network and Oregon Food Share also were granted.

The Development Institute at the UCLA African Studies Center, partially supported by the Diocese of Los Angeles, received a further grant of \$80,000 to continue its work training people from overseas as well as missionary personnel and volunteers in development principles. The Institute is also supported by Catholic Relief Services and World Vision International.

Three projects were funded through the Appalachian People Service Organization (APSO). These were Madison County Crafts, Inc. in the Diocese of Western North Carolina; Dungannon Development Project in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia; and Good Samaritan Project of Rural Cumberland Resources in the Diocese of Tennessee.

In final action, reported by the acting chair of the Education and Communication Committee, Dr. Carroll Brewster, president of Hobart and William Smith College, Geneva, N.Y., the Board welcomed the new Assistant for Interpretation and Network Development, Dr. David E. Crean. Crean shared some ideas regarding the Fund's promotional activities.

The Board approved a change in the Fund's newsletter which would now be titled Anchor 86. They also approved two major audiovisual resources, one on the overall ministry of the Fund, which would replace "Yes, A Difference", and the other, in Spanish, on the work of the Fund in Latin America and among Hispanic communities in the United States.

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